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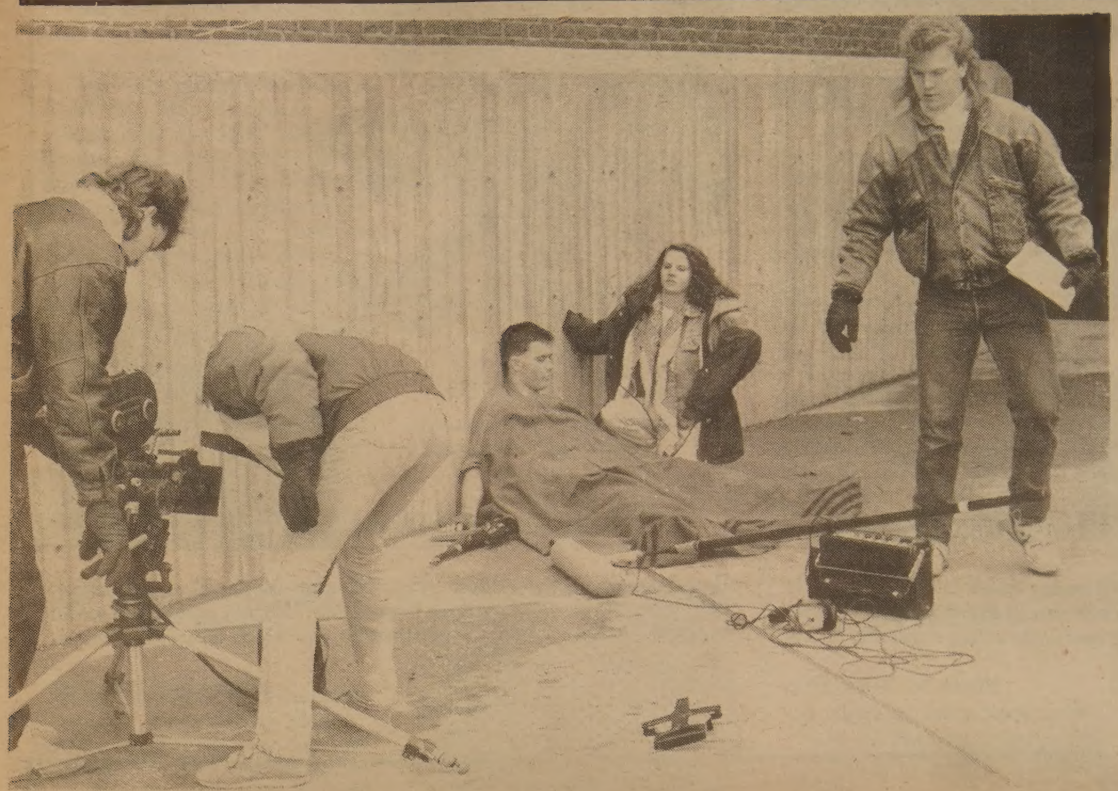

What take are we on now?

In between takes on the set of Danbo takes Niagara. The Danbo crew, made up of third-year Niagara film students, was hard at work Tuesday, filming outside the Tecumseh entrance. Cameraman Keith Fleury (far left) sets up for the next shot while director Barry McMann checks the camera and soundman Cass Howorth (far right) goes about his tasks. The man "dying" in the middle is Danbo, played by Chris Gilbert, and co-star Allison, played by Sheila Webb, is at his side. Please turn to page 6 and 7 for the Danbo story and more pictures.

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Fred Habermehl calls it a day

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

Fred Habermehl, Niagara College's executive dean, is stepping down June 30.

In his 22 years at the college, Mr. Habermehl has held many important positions, including dean of health sciences; dean of applied arts and, later, of both applied arts and health sciences; acting dean of technology; and principal of Welland Vale campus. He helped develop many of the programs now in place at Niagara.

His resignation was to be formally announced at last night's Board of Governors meeting. Mr. Habermehl said he gave his letter of resignation to the president of the college March 15.

Mr. Habermehl, 63, is leaving because his " '90-factor' (age added to the number of years he has been teaching) comes up in June." He taught secondary school for four years before coming to the college.

This retirement came up "a year earlier than I anticipated," Mr. Habermehl said.

Mr. Habermehl came to Niagara in 1968 "as what was then called a teaching master in English and liberal studies." After a few years of that, he became chairman of the Human Development division of Applied Arts.

In 1975, he became the dean of health science, a position he would hold for 13 years. During this time Mr. Habermehl sometimes had other responsibilities as well. He was also dean of technology for two years, principal of St. Catharines campus for two years, and dean of applied arts for three years.

In September 1988, Mr. Habermehl became Niagara College's first executive dean.

Many things have changed in Mr. Habermehl's years at Niagara.

"When I arrived, we only had the Hennepin building," he said. Since then the rest of the college has sprung up around Hennepin, and many programs have been added. Mr. Habermehl had a great deal to do with developing some of these programs.

"I've enjoyed developing programs," he said. "I've had the assistance of a lot of good people here."

Some of the programs he helped develop were Human Relations, Health Sciences Preparatory, Ambulance and Emergency Care, Nursing Assistant, and General College.

"Generally, my focus has largely been on the students, and what they're looking for," Mr. Habermehl said. "Having seen what the students wanted, we've then gone to the employers."

He is especially proud of the new Hospitality Centre. A part-time program which he helped develop for people working in hospitals and nursing homes seeking food preperation credentials just started here in January.

Mr. Habermehl and his wife Alice have lived in Niagara Falls for the past 25 years. The Habermehls have four grown daughters.

He was born in Cambridge in 1927. After completing high

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FRED HABERMEHL

Student residence

Proposal planned for fall 1990

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

A joint residence for Niagara College and Brock University students is planned for this fall in Welland.

"We would probably be starting on the residence in the late fall of this year or the spring of next," Peter Keen, Vice President Development for Doral Holdings Ltd., said. This proposed date depends on the time it takes Doral Holdings to get their "services extended and the approval of the city and the region."

The student residence, which would be part of a development of Doral Holdings is planning called the Townpath Development Concept, would be located on Lancaster Avenue overlooking a new "top drawer, first class" golf course, Mr. Keen said.

"Niagara College is only a very short drive away from this location and it's no more than 15 minutes away from Brock. We're thinking of providing an internal jitney, perhaps driven by students" to provide transportation.

180 ROOMS

Mr. Keen described the accommodations as "affordable". Rooms would cost about $250 to $275 a month. The 180 rooms would have limited cooking facilities and 60 of the rooms would be for double occupancy. The building would have the capacity to house 240 students.

Mr. Keen talked with people involved with student housing at Brock University and Niagara College. "Both of them said they had experienced an accute shortfall in terms of accommodation for students. Brock said they turned away approximately 500 students last year who wished to have accomodation on campus and Niagara College estimated they probably had something in the order of 200 people (who needed housing.) They just didn't have the capacity."

The building would be designed so that it could be converted into a motel during the summer to provide "a lower cost accommodation in the peak summer period. We'll have tennis courts and barbecues and that sort of thing," Mr. Keen said. The building "would serve a double-barrelled purpose."

Mr. Keen said the plans are definite unless "some major increase of interest rates or something - going absolutely crazy" occurs.

As planned, the new development will include a destination hotel, which will be in conjunction with the 6,800-yard golf course. The golf course's clubhouse will include a bar and snack area, casual and gourmet dining rooms. A high-rise condominium, single and multi family housing, and a plaza will also be constructed during the course of Doral Holdings' five-year master plan.

Niagara College was approached by private developers who proposed building a privately owned residence on the college's property last semester. This proposal is still being considered.

Last call for photos

Graduating students who missed the first chance to have their pictures taken will be given another chance, on March 28.

Students may sign up at the Student Administrative Council. All must pay $5 at the time of booking.

The photographs will be taken by University Photographers. The price is $20 and up depending on the size of the photographs.

"A couple of hundred students signed up last time the photographers were here," Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said. "Thirty-one students have signed up so far."

Horticulture Open House brings taste of spring

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

Open House at the Horticultural Centre was one of the most successful yet in terms of sales and attendence. Thousands visited the centre last Saturday and Sunday.

"We sold more plants yesterday than we have ever sold in two days," Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, said Sunday. "We had to go out and buy more."

"We packed them in like sardines," Trevor Acott, a second-year student, said. About 3,000 people visited the centre on the weekend.

One of the biggest draws was a special display of environment friendly controls against pests and diseases in the garden. Instead of using harmful chemical pesticides and fungicides, common herbs and vegetables can be used effectively against many insects.

GOOD SUBSTITUTES

A mixture of chopped tomato leaves, onion and rubbing alcohol works well against aphids, black spot, scale insects and asparagus larvae. Wrapping tree trunks in burlap or tin foil deters rabbits and mice from chewing the bark. The material gets stuck between their teeth and they leave the tree alone.

"People are becoming alarmed about pollution of the environment," Mr. Mansfield said. "Among homeowners there is a very decided trend in interest in environmental controls. Whether it's actually happening we'll find out in the future."

But companies are not waiting to cash in on the trend. Some new products include visual traps that are completely safe for the environment but deadly for insects. Among them are a red plastic ball and a simple white plastic rectangle coated with a sticky substance like honey. Insects mistake the ball for a ripening apple and when they land on it to lay their eggs, they get stuck. Similarly they are fooled into thinking the white plastic card is a blossom. The traps must be used before fruit ripens however, otherwise they get lost among the real thing.

Other deception devices include a life-size plastic owl that frightens birds and mice away from crops, a simple method, but effective.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle read another display, describing ways in which consumers can help to minimize the amount of garbage society produces.

Aside from environmental displays, the orchid, bonsai, and succulent societies delighted visitors with their colorful and interesting displays.

The plant sale was a huge success. Almost everything was sold, Mr. Mansfield said. "We are very pleased with the generosity of the public."

The money has not been counted but will be used to purchase books and equipment the centre's budget would normally not permit.

Richard and Sally Blomberg from Grimsby check out the plant sale at the Horticultural Open House. Their son graduated from the program six years ago, and they have been attending regularly since.

Photo by Tony Post

Roy Nagami, vice president of the Niagara Region Bonsai Society, displays a 10-year-old Juniper bonsai. Mr. Nagami carved the stand himself. He also teaches a continuing education course in bonsai.

Photo by Tony Post

Tree Planting

Summer jobs available

Arbor International Inc. is looking for students to sign up for a part-time tree planting job. The job will start in early May and go until July.

Judy Stankus, career services office, said students should contact the placement office. They have until April 15 to apply.

The company intends to operate about nine camps in Northern Ontario. Each camp will have about 40 to 45 planters.

"Planters will be paid at piece work rates ranging from six to 12 cents per tree depending on the type of stock," Mrs. Stankus said. "After a week, a $200 cash advance is issued for every two weeks."

Planters should bring at least $200 for personal needs for the first two weeks.

Each camp will have three foremen, about one or two people for delivery, two cooks and one project manager. The camp will consist of one large dining tent, a cook trailer, portable outhouses and shower units.

Mrs. Stankus said each summer the company employs about 500 students. For a $100 fee for inexperienced planters, the company provides all the tree-planting equipment, transportation on days off and a guaranteed position.

She said Arbor's daily cost for 1990 will be $19. For that fee the company will provide food. "The company will serve breakfast and dinner buffet style and snacks will be available 24 hours a day."

Arbor International Inc. was established in 1981 and has planted more than 50 million trees in Ontario.

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New director

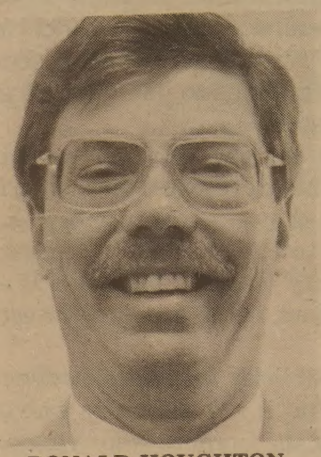
Houghton to replace Spittle

The college's new director of property and plant services is Ronald Houghton, 37, who takes over from Jack Spittle, due to retire on April 1.

"So, I'll be officially installed on April 2," Mr. Houghton said. "Right now I'm just wandering through the whole facility to see what's to be done." Mr. Houghton joined the college on March 19.

Mr. Houghton, a chemical engineer with a nuclear option, attended the Royal Military College from 1970 to 1974. In 1975, he was in the Canadian armed forces which were part of the United Nations peace keeping mission in Cyprus.

Mr. Houghton described his six-month stay in Cyprus as "great"



RONALD HOUGHTON

although there was " a little bit of shooting here and there."

Some of Mr. Houghton's first major assignments at the college include consultation with the contractor which is going to build the student centre, and the renovation of the St. Catharines complex.

"I like the kind of approach such as airports, hospitals and colleges because you're providing service to the people," Mr. Houghton said.

Mr. Houghton worked for Transport Canada for five years since 1982 before joining the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital doing maintenance engineering. He was born in London, Ont.

He is still on a "house hunting trip." He is a member of the Royal Botanical Society in Hamilton, and enjoys motorcycling.

40 years is enough: Spittle

By KGABO MODIBEDI
Staff Writer

The "college atmosphere associated with young people" which Jack Spittle has enjoyed working in for 22 years comes to an end next month when he will be retiring.

Mr. Spittle joined Niagara College on Feb. 1, 1968, as director of plant and property services, the position he has held since.

He said he had had "momentary disappointments," but described his overall years with the college as "productive years."

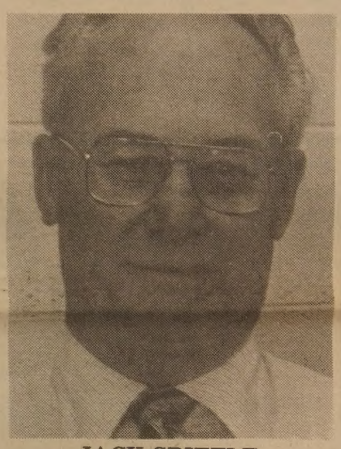
Mr. Spittle is succeeded by Ronald Houghton, who started work March 19.

There was only one building when Mr. Spittle joined the college: "this one," he said, making a gesture in his Hennepin Hall office, Wednesday.

Mr. Spittle, a BSc., civil engineering graduate from Queen's University, worked for Cyanamid, a chemical manufacturing company in Niagara Falls, for 17 years in the plant engineering division.

While with Cyanamid, Mr. Spittle was elected to the Niagara Falls board of education as a member from 1960 to 1968.

"It's a total learning experience when you serve your fellow men," Mr. Spittle said. "You get complaints from your neighbors; you get criticisms; you have to deal with teachers' and students' pro-



JACK SPITTLE

blems, and you have to work within a limited budget."

The department of property and plant services has a staff of about 24 people. "We do a lot of work with outside contracts," Mr. Spittle said.

"It's enough," Mr. Spittle said of his 40 years of working experience. "I don't want to work; I just want to go and enjoy life."

He said he would like to see the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, as well as travel in North America and to the Caribbean.

Mr. Spittle and his wife, Brenda, live in Niagara Falls. They have a daughter and a son Rod, who won the Canadian golf amateur championships from 1977 to 1978, and three young grandchildren who live in Dublin, Ohio.

Honor Roll returns

A tradition came back to the halls of Niagara College this week: the President's Honor Roll.

"I think we have satisfied our commitment without violation of the intent of the Freedom of Information Act," Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said.

"Certainly we are pleased that we are able to reward those who have worked hard to achieve excellent results."

Over the last school year, the Honor Roll had been under a pall of controversy. In the winter of 1989, the new President's Honor Roll was not posted while the college debated if the list violated the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

From now on, the Honor Roll will be handled differently than it was in the past. "The list of Honor Roll students will be sent to each divisional director," Dr. Knowles said. "The intent is to have names close to the program area." Each division will have its own Honor Roll.

Students who do not wish to have their names printed on the list just have to notify their director.

Begin interviews soon for new president

The presidential search committee has "some very promising candidates" for the next president of Niagara College, and the committee will soon be interviewing candidates, Foster Zanutto, a search committee member, said Wednesday.

The presidential search consultants, George Enns Partners Inc., presented the committee with its list of recommended candidates at the search committee's March 19 meeting. These candidates were chosen from all the people who applied for the job through the newspaper ad campaign conducted last month and other people from the consultants' own files.

"We have very promising candidates," Mr. Zanutto said. The search committee will now go through the consultants' list and come up with a short list of the most desirable candidates.

"The interview process for the short list of candidates will commence shortly," Mr. Zanutto said. "We are on a very positive route. We're on schedule, and we'll have an appointment by early May."

The new president will take over the job Sept. 1. Jacqueline Robarts, the current president, will step down from the position on Aug. 31.

Eager job-seekers flock to job fair

BY ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre played host to job-seeking students and potential employers earlier this week at the fourth annual Opportunity Night.

This is the first year the college has held the annual job fair, sponsored by the Niagara Falls Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Forty employers conducted interviews, six employers to a classroom. The close-knit quarters allowed for a friendly and open atmosphere for the 150 students that attended.

In past years, the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls held the job fair. The Falls campus was chosen because the bureau wanted to focus on education in tourism, Pat Grayley, Skyline hotels corporate sales manager, said.

"We want to encourage people to see Niagara College," Mrs. Grayley said. "We want them to see where they can go to school if they decide to pursue a career in the tourism or hospitality field."

As chairman of the tourism and hospitality committee for the bureau, she feels it is important to educate people on the variety of jobs available.

A LOT MORE

"There's a lot more to tourism than just summer jobs," she said. "We want to show Niagara College as a viable place to go."

Carol Willick, food and beverage manager at the Best Western Cairn Croft Hotel in Niagara Falls, believes the job fair helps employers to meet their prospective employees face to face.

"It's a chance for one-on-one evaluation," Ms. Willick said.

Marj Andres, guest services manager for the Sir Harry Oakes Company, also appreciated the annual event. "Some are rejected during the screening," Ms. Andres said. "However, the students we do hire are excellent."

The Sir Harry Oakes Company holds its own job fair nights in three different municipalities each year.

"We're basically looking for anyone who is willing to work and is capable."

FEWER AVAILABLE

Some employers said they are running out of young people to hire.

"We don't get a big crowd compared to five or six years ago," Jerry Nieuwesteeg, general manager of Honeymoon gift shops and the Honeymoon hotel, said. "There are not enough kids."

Arlene Mernuck, general manager at Maple Leaf Village amusement park, was "optimistic" about the turnout because of the decline in available employees.

"We're looking at a larger age variety," Mrs. Mernuck said. "University and college students are always welcome."

Collins Concessions, a chain of food outlets including Swiss Fudge, are found throughout the Niagara Region. Their need for capable students grows each year.

"The job fair is good for first-time job seekers," Denise Lockey, general manager, said. "They're nervous when they come for an interview because it is their first time, but meeting them in this style of relaxed atmosphere is very comforting and makes them feel at ease."

Fred hangs his hat after 22 years

From Page One

school, he decided to go into the ministry and went to Toronto for four years to earn his bachelor of theology degree.

He became a pastor in New Brunswick for four years. In 1953, he decided to go back to university. He attended Mc Master University where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in philosophy. During this time he was also pastor of a small church in nearby Drumbo.

"Then I took my wife and three kids to Oruro, Bolivia."

Mr. Habermehl and his family spent five years in Bolivia. For the first three he was a pastor in Oruro with the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board, after which he spent two years at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Cochabamba.

"During that time, I decided education was the field for me."

Mr. Habermehl returned to Canada and the education system here, and he has devoted his life to it ever since.

"My greatest enjoyments are working with the staff and students here, watching the progress of students, and seeing a tremendous sense of professionalism develop in them."

When he finishes up his duties here in June, he plans to give himself until Christmas to decide what direction will be next. The college has kept him so busy that he has not had time for many of the other things he likes to do.

"I've neglected my hobbies all along. I've tried over the years to keep up my writing skills. I'd like to put some of that into shape to see if it's marketable. The college has really occupied my time day and night."

His "people before paper" philosophy has meant many extra hours spent at Niagara. Mr. Habermehl has always made it a point to be approachable anytime. He never minds being interrupted by anyone, even if it means coming back at night, or on the weekend, to finish up all the paperwork that accumulates in the meantime.

Through the years, Mr. Habermehl has also been intensly involved in volunteer work, and that may continue to play a part in his life. He has spent many years on the boards of the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Greater Niagara General Hospital, and Niagara Rehab. He has been approached to do more volunteer work in the future.

Niagara's executive dean is proud of Niagara College's reputation and said he would not have missed his experience here for anything. He has seen plenty of changes and interesting challenges through the years.

"We really do believe in ourselves here." We have top-notch people, and I've thoroughly enjoyed the expertise of the staff."

In future, Mr. Habermehl would like to see a good, strong alumni organization develop. This would allow the college to keep track of its graduates more effectively and further improve the college's image.

Editorials

Teacher evaluation
Positive, not negative

The recent decision of the College Council to institute a teacher evaluation committee should be applauded. No one can question the importance of feedback to success in any profession, but, in particular, it is crucial for teachers — whose efficacy has a pivotal effect on their students' careers.

However, it seems SAC, and to a certain extent, the College Council, is putting too much emphasis on the negative aspects of the evaluation. Council members complain of teachers taking advantage of the system, missing classes, using outdated tests, and failing to keep up in their fields. This sort of behavior, rightly so, is viewed as unfair to teachers who are pulling their weight — and then some.

But nobody works well in the atmosphere of suspicion and cynicism, and recent SAC posters calling for students with complaints about their teachers can't help but some backs up. This type of advertising could result in an evaluation subcommittee full of sour grapes and shoulder chips.

Why not set up the evaluation subcommittee to reward excellence, not to mete out punishment? Encouragement and praise are usually much better at evoking a desired response than is negative criticism. And, evaluation means to appraise the quality of something, not to look only at its faults.

It's important that students be given a voice in the quality of education they receive, but we should remember to appreciate, as well as deprecate.

Elizabeth Yates

Border back-ups
Shop in Canada

With the recent work slowdown at southern Ontario border crossings,traffic chaos has peaked.

Over thelast few weeks, the work slowdown has drawn even more attention to the already intense border controversy. Canadians have been left bitter towards customs officers who have recently forced hundreds of Canadians to pay duty on goods being imported from the United States.

Those upset by the work slowdown, paticularly those from Niagara Falls, have protested with such fervor that one would think the only place they are able to shop is across the border.

The answer to the problem is simple. Shop in Canada.

Imposing duty fees on Canadians is exactly what would rectify congested borders, not to mention the economic situation in Niagara Falls.

The recent publicity that the slowdown has generated, would lead us to believe that it's the workers who are causing the congestion. But all four of the borders were virtually impassable long before the work slowdown began.

Rino Frado

Many worldwide meanings attached to one day - March 25

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

March 25, known as Lady Day, is the feast of the Annunciation and has been a church holy day since the seventh century. Initially known as Our Lady Day, it is celebrated by Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches as the day the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to Christ.

It is marked by Christians as the start of the Christmas cycle, on the premise that if Jesus Christ became incarnate on March 25, it would be natural for him to be born on Dec. 25.

Lady Day has been an important religious celebration since at least 400 AD, when a church commemorating the Annunciation was built at Nazareth. In 641, there is evidence the Annunciation was observed by the Greeks, and by the end of the seventh century, Rome marked March 25 with a feast. This Roman tradition eventually spread throughout the West.

Prisoners, persons condemned to death, and funeral directors celebrate March 25 as the feast of their patron, Saint Dismas, "the Good Thief." Legend has it that when the Holy Family was fleeing from Egypt, they were waylaid by robbers — Titus and Dismas. Titus, a compassionate man, wanted to let them be, and when Dismas refused, Titus bribed him to leave the family in peace.

Predicting his crucifixion, the infant Jesus is supposed to have said, "These two robbers will be lifted on the cross with me, Titus on my right and Dismas on my left, and after that day Titus shall go before me into paradise."

In common usage, the thieves' names changed to Dismas and Gestas, and Dismas (Titus), became known as the Good Thief, whom Christ pardoned upon the cross.

March 25 is also an important secular holiday. Old Lady Day was an important day in the British rural calendar, and was commonly referred to in speech as a reference point — for example, by characters in the 19th century novels of Thomas Hardy and George Eliot. Quarter Day or Lady Day was a traditional day for paying rent in England and Ireland.

The Dead Letter office of the British Post Office is said to have correctly delivered a letter addressed only to "March 25" — it was meant for the wife of judge Lord Day, Lady Day.

An old English prophecy predicts trouble in the realm if Easter Sunday should fall on Lady Day: "When my Lord falls in my Lady's lap, England beware of some mishap."

In central Europe, "feast of the swallows" is the popular name for the Annunciation, as swallows are supposed to return from their migrations on this day.

In Sweden, March 25 is celebrated as Waffle Day, a traditional day to serve these crisp batter biscuits.

In Maryland, it is an optional bank holiday, commemorating the arrival of colonists in the area in 1634. The colonists were sent to the New World by Lord Baltimore under the leadership of his brother, Leonard Calvert.

Greek Americans celebrate March 25 as Greek Independance Day by organizing parades and other celebrations.

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Knock on wood

As the birds busy the day away in a new home, spring only seems like just around the corner. A backyard garden can be an escape from the indoors at this time, when cabin fever has driven everyone just about crazy.

Photo by Bruce Culp

Children of the Intifada *to be* exhibited at Brock

Children of the Intifada, drawings of Palestinian children shot during the uprising against Israel in the occupied territories, will be shown at Brock University Monday.

The drawings were brought secretly out of Israel by Canadian artist Heather Spears. The exhibition, Drawn from the Fire, will be held in the Pond Inlet, lower level, from 4 to 9 p.m.

Ms. Spears will be showing about 300 drawings and slides and will speak about her experiences during the six weeks she spent in East Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank.

The drawings were made swiftly in pencil and chalk on the backs of brown envelopes, written across in Arabic by the children they depict.

Heather was invited to Brock University by the Moslem student Association on the suggestion of Hadi Hamadi, Niagara College third-year computer technology student.

FOCUS

Welland Vale endures; campus rich with history

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

At first sight, the St. Catharines Campus of Niagara College is hardly worth a second glance. But looks can be deceiving. Ships from around the world once docked here to unload supplies for manufacturing companies located on the island.

The Welland Vale Manufacturing Company, one of the companies, was a major contributor to St. Catharines' ecomomy well before Confederation. What is left of its buildings now house Niagara College's St. Catharines Campus.

The company, located on Lock 2 of the first Welland Canal, in what is now Twelve Mile Creek, moved to the site in the 1870's attracted by promises of grants from the city.

Welland Vale manufactured tools and farm implements like knives, axes, hoes, shovels, and pitchforks. It was one of the oldest manufacturing concerns in Ontario.

Pitchfork

One famous pitchfork, the one used to capture Rudolph Hess, a Nazi war criminal, was manufactured here. When the company's president heard the news, he had the pitchfork returned to him. It toured Canada and raised $35,000 for the Lord Mayor's Fund. The pitchfork now sits in a museum in New York.

Power for the operation came from run-off water from the canal. Later, when industry converted to steam, the water was used to fill the boilers.

Fire

This proximity to water did not save the plant from one of the greatest fires in St. Catharines' history. At 2:40 a.m. on May 28, 1900, fire broke out in one of the buildings. Within about two hours the Welland Vale Manufacturing Company and Canada Motor and Cycle plant were reduced to ashes.

Attempts were made to extinguish the blaze, but the heat was too intense for plant workmen to get close enough. Firemen arrived later with a steamer but by the time their hoses were hooked up, they had very little pressure.

Chief Engineer Riddle blamed the delay in getting the steamer to the site on not having a team of horses available to pull the contraption. It was the first time the steamer had been used, and when it finally arrived, no one knew how to use it.

Damage to the two companies was estimated at $350,000 and 500 men were put out of work.

Quality

The Welland Vale works were known world-wide for their quality tools. Ships from all over the Empire docked here, bringing steel and other materials necessary for production.

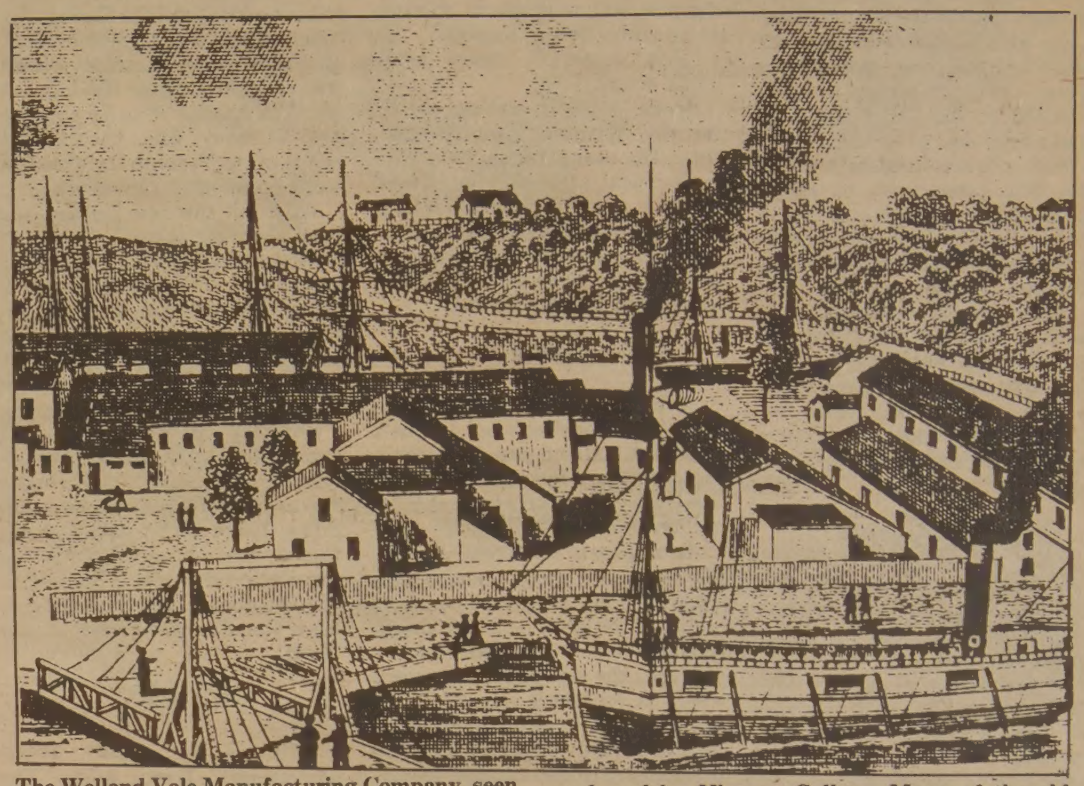
In 1965, the company, then called True Temper Canada, decided to close down its operations in St. Catharines. One year later, the Lincoln County Board bought the empty buildings for an educational facility. The main building was fixed up, but most buildings were destroyed for parking.

In 1968, Niagara College bought the property and it became the school for continuing education. Renovations were completed by 1970, and the school was officially opened by the Minister of Education, William Davis. It was called the Niagara College Adult Learning Centre. Because of the site's historical background, the name was later changed to Welland Vale Centre.

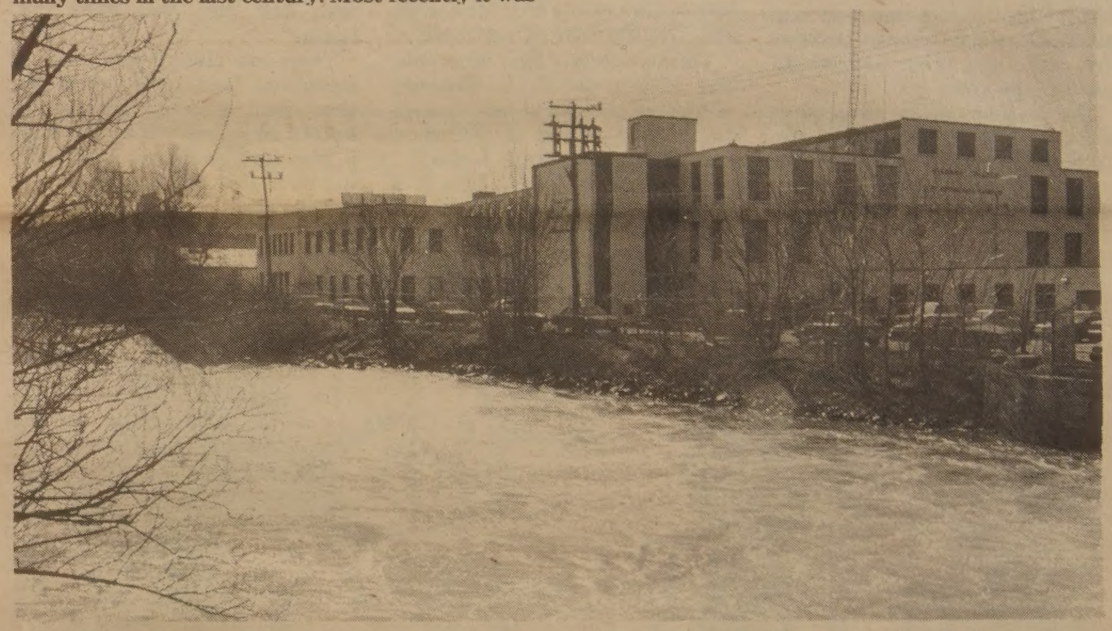
Change

The name was changed again in April 1986, when the Administrative Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors approved "St. Catharines Campus" to more accurately reflect its location.

In 1976, material was collected for a brochure commemorating Welland Vale's centennial. Yvonne Michaud, who is in charge of plant and property at the St. Catharines Campus, has kept the material and she adds to her file whenever she comes across more information.



The Welland Vale Manufacturing Company, seen here in an 1882 sketch, has changed its appearance many times in the last century. Most recently it was purchased by Niagara College. Many of the old buildings were destroyed to make room for parking.



The St. Catharines Campus as it looks today. None of the original buildings remain. They were destroyed by fire at the turn of the century, but the company later rebuilt on the site. Students now learn in the old factory where ships from around the world used to deliver goods.

Photo by Tony Post

Weather mocks equinox

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

Spring officially began Tuesday, but the weather is not cooperating with the calendar. Nevertheless, pinpointing the exact moment spring begins has become an exact science.

On March 20, the sun, as seen from the earth, crosses the equator heading north. This is called the vernal equinox and signals the beginning of spring. On this day the sun's rays extend from the north pole to the south pole, and day and night are an equal twelve hours throughout the world.

The plane in which the earth revolves around the sun can be divided into four 90 degree sections, each beginning with a definite point: two solstices and two equinoxes. Equinoxes occur when the sun crosses the equator and solstices occur when the sun reaches its most northern or southern point.

The amount of time it takes the sun to cover one of these sections is called a season. This amount of time varies from year to year because the earth is not steady in its rotation on its axis nor in its elliptical course around the sun. Consequently, the start of spring can occur on March 20 or 21.

Spring is a season marked by new beginnings; seed planting, graduation, weddings; it is a season to bid farewell to the coldness of winter and begin a period of rejuvenation. Small wonder then that people look forward to it so.

Spring is a celebration of life as snow melts and daylight hours increase. This is why it is a season marked by Arbor Day, Bird Day, and numerous flower festivals nationwide.

There are two well-known sayings that describe spring. "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb," appears to be true more often than not. And April showers certainly do bring May flowers.

Despite these popular beliefs, there are some misconceptions about spring in terms of weather. In Britain, spring is popularly thought to include February, March, and April. In North America the climate of March is sometimes that of winter, and the climate of June that of summer.

Animals come out of hibernation and trees blossom in this period of renewal. Perhaps people should make their New Year's resolutions in spring. The beauty of nature may inspire people to keep them.

Campus' future unsure

By MARIA PULE
Staff Writer

The heating system at Niagara College campus in St. Catharines is on its last legs. Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said it would not even last another year, and that she did not expect it to last this winter.

Miss Robarts told the College Council March 13 that the information she has concerning the campus building is not encouraging.

The Board of Governors is looking at two plans; either to do complete mechanical work on the whole building which will cost $5 million, or to sell it and build a new one somewhere for $10 million, she said. The building used to be a factory before the college bought it.

Miss Robarts said there is no parking at the campus, so refabricating the building doesn't seem to be a good idea because people are still going to need a space to park their cars.

"I think these are things that the board must look at," she said.

"A new building will make a difference over 10 years for Niagara College." A board meeting which will be called some time soon will propose to get money from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, "which is the hardest part."

Meanwhile there is pressure to move nursing students from Mack Nursing Education Centre and relocate them because the St. Catharines General Hospital which owns the centre needs to use it. The college is renting the facilities.

Miss Robarts said at present an architect is looking at the possibility of putting both nursing and technology students in the St. Catharines campus building.

Danbo's death wraps up filming for another day on set of student project

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

A young man lies dying against the wall of the Voyageur building. Blood oozes from a wound in his side. And the cameras are rolling.

The blood is ketchup, and the man's not really supposed to be dying — he's just slowly freezing to death on the film set on this frosty first day of spring.

Danbo Takes Niagara, a third-year film production, is taking shape on this cold, gloomy day in March. Shot by shot and take by take, the crew, directed by Barry McMann, presses on.

Danbo, the main character in the film who is Chris Gilbert in real life, has been "dying" for hours now, and he's getting colder by the minute. But there are scenes still to shoot, and takes to get right, so there he lies, shivering on the sidewalk.

Hard Work

Anyone who thinks the film business is filled with glamor would be in for a shock on this set. This looks more like hard work, with all kinds of exacting detail. The filming is filled with concerns like camera angles, framing, and lighting, in addition to the actors getting their parts right.

At least a dozen people attend to their tasks — cameramen, script supervisor, sound man, and playback person on the production side, and other actors and security people.

The people handling the production end of this film are Niagara College film students, and these scenes look like an intense learning experience. This set may be out in the cold March air, but it's more effective than any classroom. What better way could there be to learn about film than by actually doing it?

"Shot 46, take 1," Tim Palgut, the production assistant shouts, as he clicks down the slate.

"Roll camera," Barry said. "Roll sound."

Sheila Webb is coming out to see the dying man for the last time. The soundtrack rolls — this is a musical, after all — and Chris mouths the words to Danbo's song as the scene unfolds. Sheila is playing the part of Allison, a person in the class that Danbo has attempted to take hostage.

Star

Allison knew Danbo before he went off to join the army, but he's a different person now, lying there in his military fatigues. His plans have gone awry, he's been shot by police, and soon he will be dead.

In a minute the scene is over. "How was your framing on Sheila?" one of the cameramen asks as the crew scurries about, getting set for the next shot.

Chris, the star of the show, is a real pro, for a high school kid. He waits patiently between the shots, trying to keep from shivering too violently. He has to stop shivering on cue, because that would ruin the scene, and Barry wants him to stay where he is for a while yet, "for the sake of continuity."

This is Chris's first film role. The 17-year-old E. L. Crossley High School student saw an audition notice posted at his school and decided to give it a shot.

"It's a lot of fun," Chris said. "Acting's something I'd like to do." Being involved in this production has made him more interested in film too, he said.

Filming has gone ahead today in spite of the weather. Last Thursday and Friday, it was warm outside, and the filming was much easier. But the show must go on. Yesterday it rained, so that was one less day for filming. All the film footage is to be shot by next Tuesday, when the director heads off to Toronto for a week's work on another film project.

When all the raw footage has been shot, the editors will get to work putting the film together, Barry said. There is about a 9-1 ratio between raw footage and finished product. So for a 20-minute film like this one, at least 180 minutes of film will be shot.

Shooting all that film is a demanding job for everyone involved. A musical like Danbo Takes Niagara is even more difficult. There are the action shots, the dance choreography, the musical production ... on and on the list goes. Barry is hoping to have the film completed in late April.

Crazy

"Things get really crazy sometimes," Barry said. "The pressure gets to you, and you freak out. Then it's back to normal, and then you freak out again!"

There are always problems of some sort. Last night, one of the characters cancelled, and no one knows how that will be handled.

The cast and crew of Danbo numbers about 25 people. During the shooting, several members of the Niagara Regional Police stood by for the scenes involving firearms.

Between the many takes, it's hurry up and wait, as all the logistics for the next shot slowly fall into place. Patience is a necessary virtue in the film game. Someone is always waiting for someone else.

Finally at 3:45 p.m., the last scene for the day begins. Most of the crew has been up since 6 a.m., dealing with details of today's scenes. This last scene involves a new crop of extras, so Barry takes a few minutes to discuss the shot and run through it.

Extras

Danbo has already left. He's probably already trying to get warm somewhere. There's only a pool of ketchup to mark the spot he died. The police stand beside their vehicles. The lights on top of their cars are still whirling, but the officers have put their weapons down.

The extras, playing members of the class that Danbo took hostage, advance from their marks, mouthing the words to the last lines of a song on the rolling soundtrack:

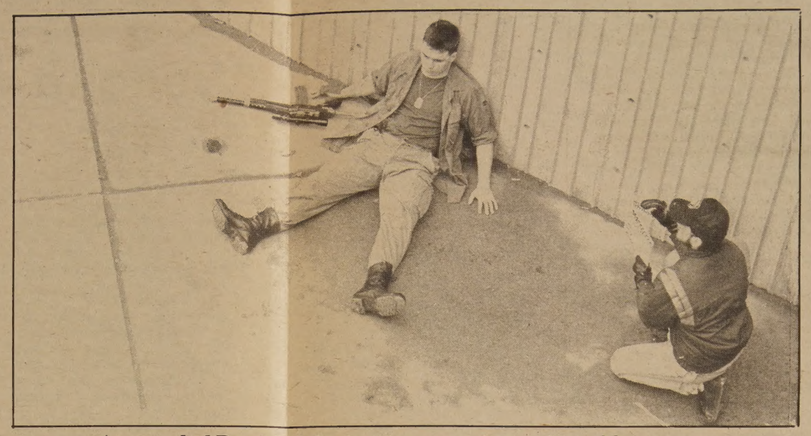
"Life's not brushed on canvas
It's steel and wood and coal
But you can't blame society
For the pain that your heart holds."

Dead

Danbo is dead. This is only a film, but a feeling of deep sadness permeates the set. The mood is also one of fatigue.

"Cut!" the director says, for the last time of the day. The crew starts to pack up its gear, and everyone else straggles off.

It's been a long day for this film crew. Tomorrow, and another day of film production, will come soon enough.



A wounded Danbo waits for the next take on the cold concrete

Chris Gilbert (Danbo) tries to stay in character between scenes

Shot 53, take 1. Tim Palgut, production assistant, clicks down the slate, as two of Niagara's finest prepare for a shootout with Danbo. The film crew of Danbo takes Niagara had a very busy day Tuesday filming outside the college. Keith Fleury, the man behind the camera here, gets ready for action.

PITCH IN

The Danbo film crew zooms in on Sheila Webb (Allison)

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Duffy: Practise three Rs, save planet

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Greenpeace's Daniel Duffy urged Niagara College students to break the consumer lifestyle that is strangling humanity and destroying the planet, by practising "the three Rs" — reduction, re-use and recycling.

Mr. Duffy, educational co-ordinator for the environmental action group, spoke to an audience of about 30 people March 14. He energetically described the global environmental crisis facing humanity in explicit scientific detail.

The 90s are being called the "turn-around" decade, he said, not because people are finally taking interest in the environment, but because problems have built up to such a leve, society must turn around or die.

Mr. Duffy, wearing long curly hair, a headband, and a red neckerchief, called Canada one of the most energy *in*efficient nations on the planet. Canada spews more than 50 billion metric tons of toxic waste into the atmosphere every year, he said.

Daniel Duffy, left, educational co-ordinator for the environmental action group Greenpeace, discusses the crisis situation confronting our society. The ozone layer is in peril, rainforests are being wantonly destroyed, and the greenhouse effect is in full bloom — if people don't stop consuming, start re-using and recycling, the planet will die.

Toxic crisis

Ontarians face a toxic waste crisis. "Sixteen thousand industries in southern Ontario legally dump heavy metals, such as zinc and cadium.

"There's no excuse for this kind of legal toxic discharge into the lakes," he said. Through municipal sewage treatment plants, this waste seeps into groundwater, into lakes, and finally, into people. "The earth flows through us, and these pollutants accumulate in our bodies," causing immune deficiency syndrome and other diseases.

Bioaccumulation of toxins is causing "irreparable damage to the genetic continuum," he said. Bald eagles in the Niagara Region can no longer reproduce, and seagulls are "mentally retarded" — they will not defend their young against intruders.

Reduction in consumption of non-renewable resources and heavily-packaged, environmentally-destructive products is the most important strategy, he said. Industrialized nations such as Canada, the United States and Japan are responsible for consumption of the majority of the world's non-renewable resources.

This means that just one-thirdd of the world's population use up more than three-quarters of its oil, minerals, and natural gas, in an orgy of what Mr. Duffy called "resourcism" — the idea that the world is nothing but a set of resources to be exploited.

Bias

"The bias of consumption is obvious throughout our society," Mr. Duffy said. For instance, endangered species fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural *resources*. People should realize that like human beings, the world is more than just the sum of its parts.

Manufacturers have reacted to environmental concerns by making superficial improvements and changes that are merely placebic, he said.

Advertisers using guilt tactics suck consumers into buying products like Tide enviropacs which are labelled as environmentally friendly because they contain 27 per cent less plastic. The plastic they are made of, however, is non-recyclable, and, Mr. Duffy said, "the product inside is poison."

Moved

"The consumption process is the least green thing going," he said, describing the human devastation that accompanies consumerism. "The multinationals (corporations) have moved their operations to the third world countries, where no one will complain because they're all starving." These corporations pay an average wage of 30-70 cents an hour to native workers, who are mostly female, work 16 hours a day, live in shanty towns on the factory grounds, and are offered bonuses to have themselves sterilized.

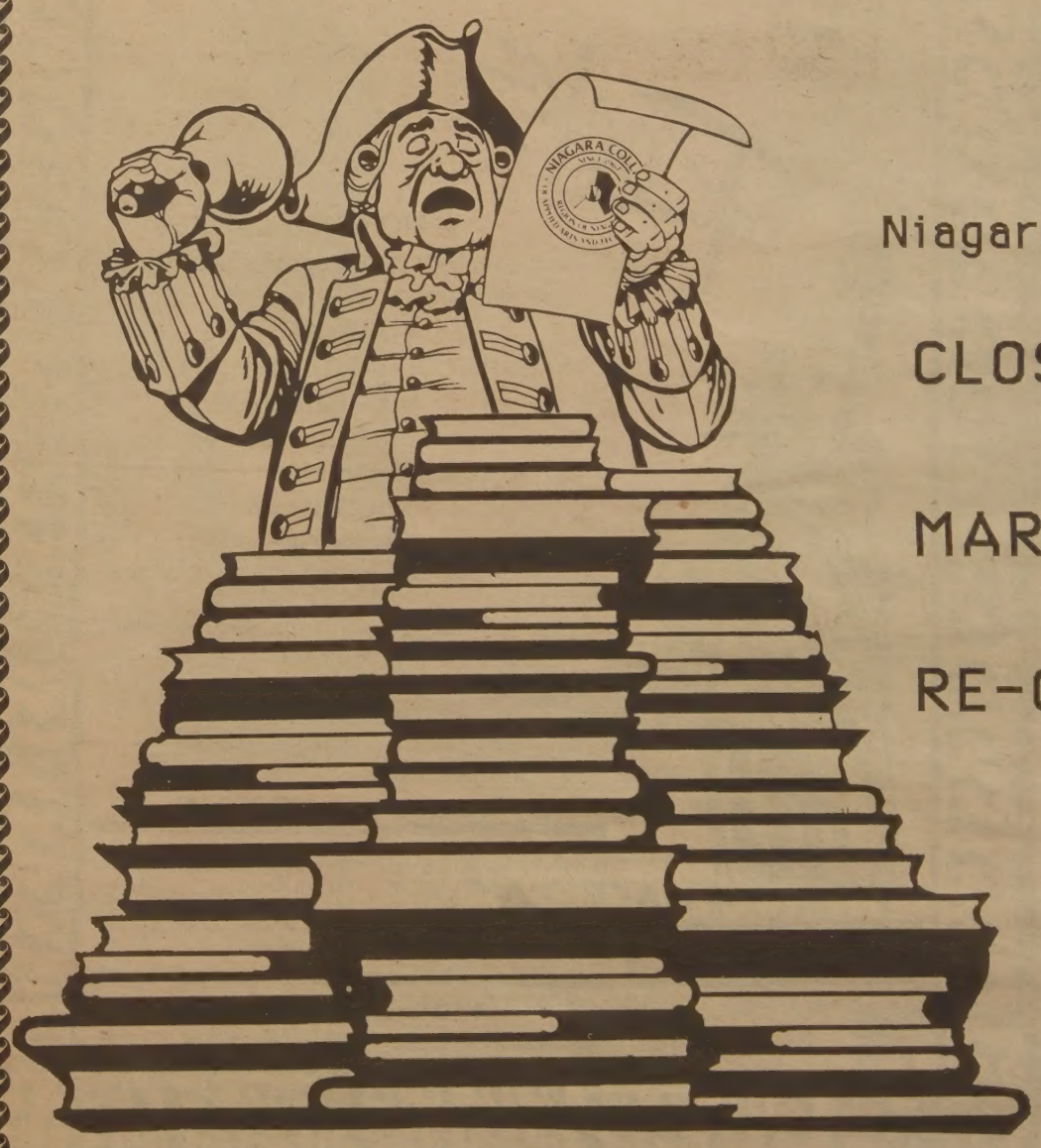
It is only this "human slave labor" involved in the production of Sony Walkmans and other entertainment products that allows western consumers to afford them. "If humans were treated like humans, a television would cost $10,000."

Group grows 1,000%

Greenpeace, which advocates civil disobedience to effect change, "has grown 1,000 per cent in the last two years," educational co-ordinator, Daniel Duffy said. The organization focuses on "the health of the biosphere" and its activities for the last ten years have been global in scope.

The group was founded in the early 70s, by "a spontaneous group of young people riding the crest of the 60s wave." The Nixon administration was conducting atmospheric nuclear tests in Alaska, and these people rented a boat from Vancouver and sailed to the test site. Their actions provoked international attention, Mr. Duffy said, and within six months, 3,000 Canadians had gone up to the test site to protest. The tests were eventually cancelled.

Greenpeace's international headquarters are in Amsterdam, and it campaigns in 22 nations. Controversial for protests against sealing and commercial whaling, Greenpeace members believe, like Thoreau, that "If the law requires you to be an agent of injustice, break the law."



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Unfit living conditions plague Canadian zoos

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Most Canadian zoos are appalling institutions which should be closed immediately, Rob Laidlaw, director of Zoocheck Canada, said at a recent seminar.

"If they're going to be here, they'd better be pretty damn good," he said.

Mr. Laidlaw spoke to about 50 people at Brock University March 8, at a meeting of Brock/Niagara Action for Animals. Zoocheck recently developed Bill 129, an Ontario private member's bill, as a "tool to get the government to react" to the lack of standards governing zoos and wildlife displays in Ontario.

Mr. Laidlaw showed slides of animals in zoos throughout Ontario, which documented the problems besetting wild animals in captivity. Wild animals such as cougars, tigers, foxes and bears were shown in cages barely large enough for them to turn around in. These cages, constructed for the most part of sterile corrugated metal or criss-cross wire, met few or none of their inhabitants' needs.

"These are multi-faceted animals, with a wide variety of habitats and behaviors, which they cannot exhibit in most zoo enclosures."

SHOWED SLIDES

Mr. Laidlaw showed the audience slides of a Meerkat - a burrowing, social animal - housed solitarily, in a four-foot-square cage with a plywood bottom, a soup can for a water dish, and a cardboard box for shelter.

"Everything about that cage is wrong," he said about a leopard cat cage — a small wire tube with a cone-shaped top, a tiny box for shelter, and a floor with a mesh size so large the cat couldn't walk on it without its legs falling through.

Zoocheck finds Elmvale Jungle Zoo, in Elmvale, Ont. to be one of the worst offenders. In Elmvale there are Artic wolves trapped in a dim, 8' by 18' cage, enclosed by trees. The wolves have been in the cage, which is cleaned only once every season, for eight years. "The filth was absolutely amazing," Mr. Laidlaw said.

"It doesn't take a Phd in animal behavior or psychology to know that that is wrong," he said. Caged animals often exhibit stereotypic behaviors - meaningless, repetitive movements - such as head turning, grooming, rocking and pacing. These are a sure sign of mental distress resulting from lack of stimulation and inadequate housing.

MUTILIATES SELF

Self-mutilation is another result of improper zoo conditions. Mr. Laidlaw described seeing monkeys and other highly intelligent and active animals missing ears, noses, and fingers, "with bloody stumps for tails."

"You don't get an education looking at a psychotic animal kept for 10 years in a 10' by 10' cage."

Zoos are "justified" as providing conservation, education, research and entertainment facilities. But they do not comply with these aims. "Most zoos don't put a dollar into education, although all purport to be educational. (They) do an absolutely appalling job of educating the public. It's disgusting."

Slides showing misspelled cage labels such as "jacquar" and "macque" (for macacque), bore out his comments, as did pictures of signs providing no information about the exotic caged creatures, aside from their names.

DON'T KEEP RECORDS

Regarding conservation and research, he said "most zoos don't even keep records," and "only .03 per cent of a zoo's budget" is spent on these two functions.

Mr. Laidlaw, who said he does not take a philosophical stance on zoos, said entertainment might be a viable purpose for zoos, but zoos as they are now cannot properly entertain. "We don't go to circus freak shows anymore."

Virtually anyone can open a zoo or a roadside wildlife display, and any negligence on their part cannot be legally addressed unless it results in accute physical stress to the animal. "An animal must basically be starving or severly distressed before the humane society can step in and remove it. And once it is out of distress, it is returned to the owner."

Bill 129 would regulate the care of animals kept for exhibition or entertainment, by establishing minimum standards for the care and housing of all captive animals and implementing a licensing system for all zoos and wildlife displays in Ontario.

SECOND READING

The legislation passed second reading in November 1988, and after input by zoo keepers, Ontario Humane Society representatives, and other interested parties, will be submitted for ratification at the end of March.

"The government has lived up to everything they've guaranteed so far," Mr. Laidlaw said, but he urged the audience to keep the pressure on by writing letters to their MPPs. "Get involved...the biggest problems for Canadians today is apathy."

This hugely obese racoon, at a local roadside wildlife display, shows signs of inadequate care and lack of mental stimulation. No government standards exist governing the care of captive wild animals such as this one. Photo by Elizabeth Yates

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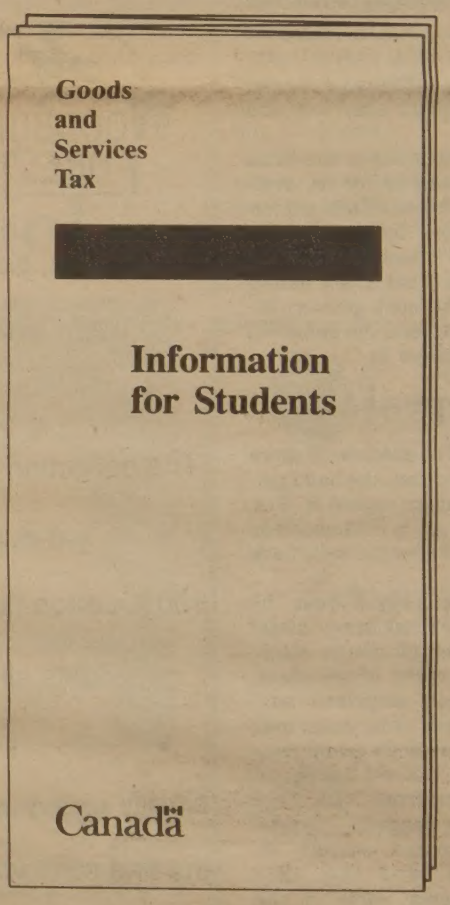

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Sven Gali verges on success

By RINO FRADO
Staff Writer

The Aqua Duck played host last week to Ontario's most talked about band. Some love them. Some hate them. A good many find them downright offensive. But like it or not, of Canadian bands, Sven Gali is the most likely to be signed to a major recording contract.

Together for about three years, Sven Gali have gained considerable notoriety for their less than subtle demeanour. Their antics both on and off stage have given cause for the band to be dubbed Ontario's reigning bad boys of rock.

In the past, the band has been known to trash more than its share of hotel rooms. Smashed beer bottles, bar brawls, and their "we couldn't care less what you think" attitude, have all played an important role in establishing Sven Gali as the hottest band on the circuit. Their nomination for best live band at this year's Toronto Music Awards, as well as an increasing interest which the band is generating from record companies, is a testament to just how popular the band has become.

Sven Gali, Ontario's most notorious rock band, has garnered considerable attention from area rock fans and prominent members of the music industry. From left to right are: Sean Mahar, Dee Cernile, Dave Wanless, Rob MacEachern, and Andy Frank.

Image

While some say that the band's diabolism is purely showbiz, Dee Cernile, the band's guitarist, maintains that the band's image is not at all contrived.

"We didn't plan out to be punks," said Dee. "We're just being ourselves."

While many bands, obviously citing Sven Gali's popularity, have attempted to draw attention to themselves by using many of the band's trademark raps, table walking, and stage set, none seem to be able to match the band when it comes to talent. And talent is exactly what separates the men from the boys, and Sven Gali from the mere imitators.

"It kind of annoys me," said Dee of the bands who borrow from the Sven Gali handbook of rock 'n' roll. "Not everything we do is totally original, but it's not a blatant rip-off either."

Despite the band's local success, a major U.S. recording contract still eludes them. While other, perhaps less deserving, bands from the United States continue to achieve international success, Sven Gali continue to pay their dues in clubs.

"We could have had a Canadian deal two years ago," said Dee. "But we would have eventually ended up back in the bars." The band is holding out for a major U.S. deal.

Asked whether being a Canadian band has prevented the band from scoring a U.S. deal, Dee is optimistic. "Being from Canada hasn't stopped us, but it has postponed us," he said. "If anything, it makes us work harder."

Sven Gali was formed in 1987 and is based in Niagara Falls. Band members are: Andy Frank, guitar; Rob MacEachern, drums; Dee Cernile, guitar; Sean Mahar, bass; and Dave Wanless, lead vocals.

The band takes its name from a 1930s film in which actor John Barrymore plays the main character, Sven Gali.

"He goes around hypnotizing women and uses words to manipulate," said Dee. "We liked the name and the idea behind it."

While their Aqua Duck show may have been surprising to some, it was done up in traditional Sven Gali fashion, complete with table walking, a litany of curses, and songs about sex, sex and more sex.

Since its early days, the band has been notorious for its over-the-top live shows. Each performance is fueled by spontaneity which often results in sheer bedlam. More than a few shows have, to say the least, gotten a little out of hand. And the band has the scars to prove it.

Appeal

It's difficult to describe to those who have never seen the band perform just what its appeal is. Yet, the precedent set is that once you see them, you're bound to be back for more.

"I thought they'd just be another long haired heavy metal band," commented one in attendance on the night of the show. "But they really surprised me."

The band has done numerous showcases for various record companies who have flown in representatives from New York City and Los Angeles. Capital Records expressed enough interest in the band that they agreed to finance some of the band's demo tapes.

Goal

Sven Gali's short term goal is "to put out the best album we possibly can," said Dee. "But what I want to achieve in the long run, is not so much success, but to not have to worry about anything but writing and playing music.

Having just returned from Winnipeg, the band is currently doing shows in southern Ontario. If you want a piece of the action, catch them at your local bar. Because as things look right now, it won't be long until they reach the prestigious and much sought-after arena act status.

Family Planning help free, confidential

By SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

Wyn Kalagian, program manager of Regional Niagara Family Planning Program, wants students to know they can get help — free and confidential — at one of the four Birth Control Centres in the Niagara Region.

Sexuality is an integral part of personality and is a normal healthy part of life, so "we really emphasize that if you're going to have sex, use a condom," Ms. Kalagian said. "The basic focus of what we do is preventing unwanted pregnancies through educational services." Each centre has a box with free condoms in the waiting rooms for anyone to come in and get.

Most of the patients at the Birth Control Centre are young females, but they do have a few men and some couples that come in. "the hardest thing for everyone to do is to come through the door," Mrs. Kalagian said. The centres are open to all ages and are confidential. "We encourage parental involvement with young clients, but our first commitment is to the client," she said.

A client that takes the first big step through the door is greeted by a secretary who sets her up with an appointment with a counsellor. The counsellor will talk with the client about the various methods of birth control and decide what is best suited for that individual. "My only wish is that people would come for help sooner," she said.

A doctor's appointment is made for the client where she must take a complete physical examination including a Pap test and pelvic examination. "Only one-thirds of girls with sexually transmitted diseases show physical signs," Ms. Kalagian said. "With AIDS spreading at an incredible rate, detecting and protecting sexually transmitted diseases is extremely important in today's society."

After proven healthy and safe, the client is given a three-month supply of birth control pills free and a prescription for the rest of the year to be filled at a pharmacy. A one-month supply would cost around $18, she said, but if the client cannot afford it, the centre will make sure they get financial help.

Ms. Kalagian also said that there is a "morning after pill". If after one incident of unprotected sex the girl comes to the centre within 72 hours after the encounter, she may be given the "morning after pill" to help prevent the pregnancy.

The four Birth Control Centres are at 277 Welland Ave. in St. Catharines, 688-3817; 5710 Kitchener St. in Niagara Falls, 358-3636; King at Fourth in Welland, 734-1014; and 43 Hagley St. in Fort Erie, 1-800-263-5757.

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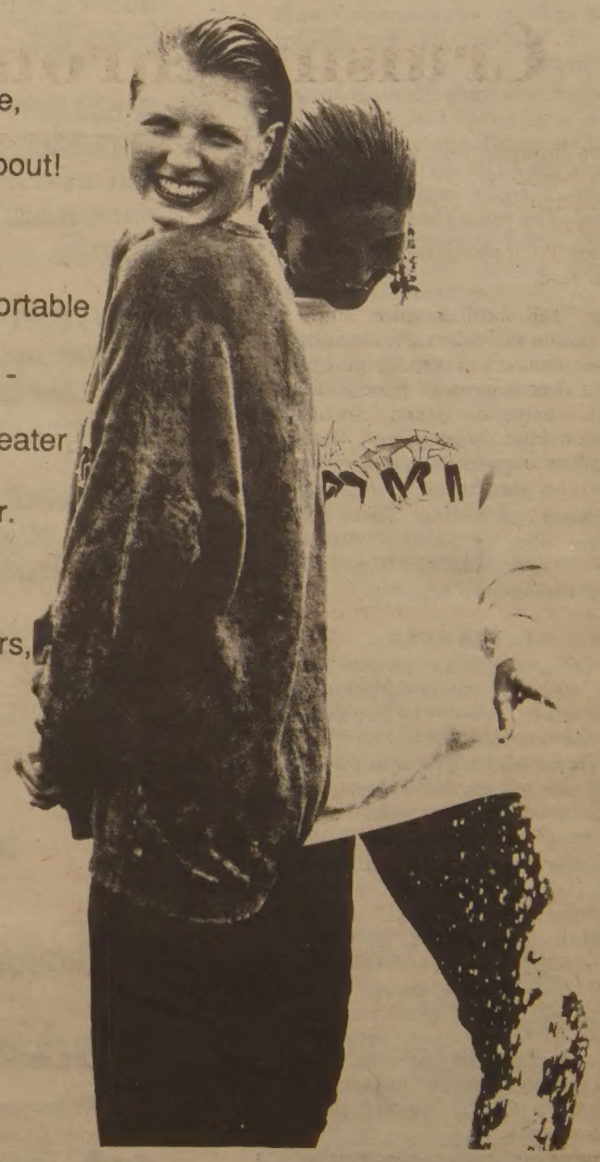

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Sports

Solving the Sweet Sixteen; Picks for your NCAA pool

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

The sports page at Niagara News has a mandate.

"We're a college paper, we cover college sports," the Powers That Be bellowed (on more than one occasion).

Obediently the sports page complied.

Now we're in a bit of a pickle. Niagara'a sports season is over.

But come to think of it, did the PTB specify Niagara College?

The only news on the sports scene anywhere of any importance is the NCAA basketball tournament, which is after all, college sports.

So, in a fit of March Madness and as a public service, here are the Niagara News' bold predictions on how the Sweet Sixteen will pan out.

THE EAST

UCLA-Duke. UCLA is playing over their heads in the tourney. Duke is fresh off a win over St. John's in the second round. Although UCLA upset the Kansas Jayhawks in the second round, we strongly suspect that John Wooden placed an evil curse on the Bruins after his dynasty folded in the early 70s. Pick Duke.

UConn-Clemson. UConn looks destined. Top ranked out of the Big East, UConn has beaten better this season. Clemson did down Lasalle in the second round, but Lasalle's 29-1 record was compiled against much easier foes. Go with the seedings, take UConn.

THE MIDWEST

Xavier-Texas. Xavier downed Georgetown in the second round, and the Hoyas looked a good bet to make the Final Four with Oklahoma out of the picture. Texas has home court advantage in Dallas but comes off a squeaker against Purdue. Cinderella will come out of the region. Pick Xavier.

Arkansas—North Carolina. The ACC has been flawless in this year's tourney and the Tarheels are always tough. Arkansas has had an easy time of things so far, downing Dayton and Princeton. UNC is much tougher. Pick the Tarheels.

THE SOUTHEAST

Michigan State-Georgia Tech. Just one more game on MSU's road to the final. The Yellowjackets downed Louisiana State but Tech stops here. Take MSU.

Minnesota-Syracuse. Syracuse is and always has been a good team. Unfortunately, they never win anything of importance. This is important. Minnesota in an upset.

THE WEST

Loyola-Marymount-Alabama. Bama held Arizona to only 55 points in the second round, while L-M notched 149 against Michigan. L-M has a mission - to win in memory of Hank Gathers. If they do it will be a Movie of the Week. They won't, but the story will probably still be sold to the studios. Pick Bama.

UNLV-Ball State. Ball State? The sports department picked them to upset Oregon State in the first round and everyone thought we were crazy. NOBODY picked them to down Louisville in the second round. Beat the Runnin' Rebels? No way. Take UNLV.

A sweeping effort

Fast and furious action from last week's OCAA curling championships. Georgian Grizzlies sweeper are trying to finesse their rock around a long guard as Mohawk skip Karen Shepley looks on. Georgian lost the gold medal game to Confederation. Play was held at the Welland Curling Club on King St.

Photo by John Blackwell

Awards bash set for athletes

The athletic department's 21st annual Banquet and Awards Night will be held this Wednesday.

All members of Niagara's varsity teams are reminded of the big night to be held in the VIP lounge of Player's 1 in Welland's Lincoln Plaza.

Dress is semi-formal and festivities are scheduled to begin at 5:45.

Lists of invited guests are posted on bulletin boards throughout the college. Anyone who isn't on the list but should be can contact the athletic department.

Continuing education

Cruising through school

One hundred and fifty people have registered for Continuing Education Services' historical cruise on Lake Ontario in June, Shirley Tomovic, development officer, said.

The "tall ship" Empire Sandy will sail on Lake Ontario and the Lower Niagara River as one of two cruises organized June 2 and 3 by CE under the theme Cruising through History on a Tall Ship, Miss Tomovic said.

The Buffalo Museum of Natural Science in Buffalo, N.Y., has registered for 100 people. Registration will continue until the beginning of May. "We are expecting many people to register before the final day," Miss Tomovic said.

In addition, a dinner dance aboard the Empire Sandy is scheduled for the evening of June 2. "The dinner dance is a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy good food, dancing and a terrific cruise on Lake Ontario under full sail," she said.

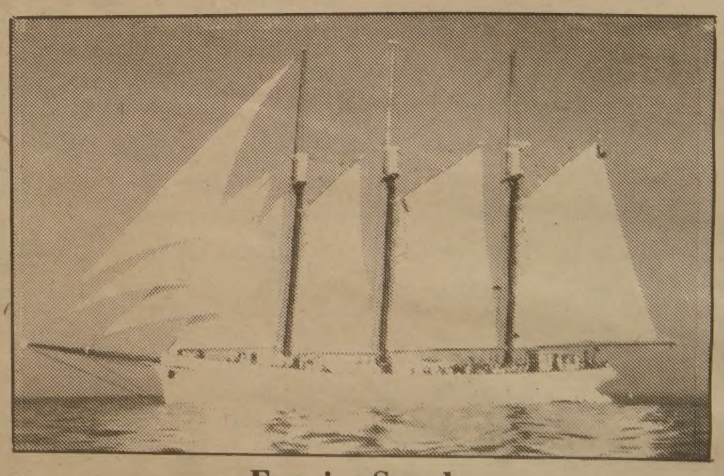
$65 APIECE

The daytime cruises on June 2 and 3 cost $65 each. The ship will leave Port Dalhousie at 10:30 a.m. and sail for six hours into the lake.

The dinner dance costs $42. The night cruise will be from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Meals are included in the costs for day and night cruises.

Charge card holders can register through the college's fax number (416-735-0419) or by mail.

The Empire Sandy has the capacity to carry 250 people; however, a maximum of 220 people is planned per cruise to allow elbow room. Miss Tomovic said the Empire Sandy is the only Canadian passenger ship that meets the Coast Guard requirements for sailing in the world's oceans.



Empire Sandy

Professor Wes Turner of Brock University's history department will be the guest speaker on the historical cruises. The Empire Sandy cruise retraces the history during and following The War of 1812.

People interested in the cruise should register early, Miss Tomovic said, because cruises in other years have been sold out. Registration ends on May 31.

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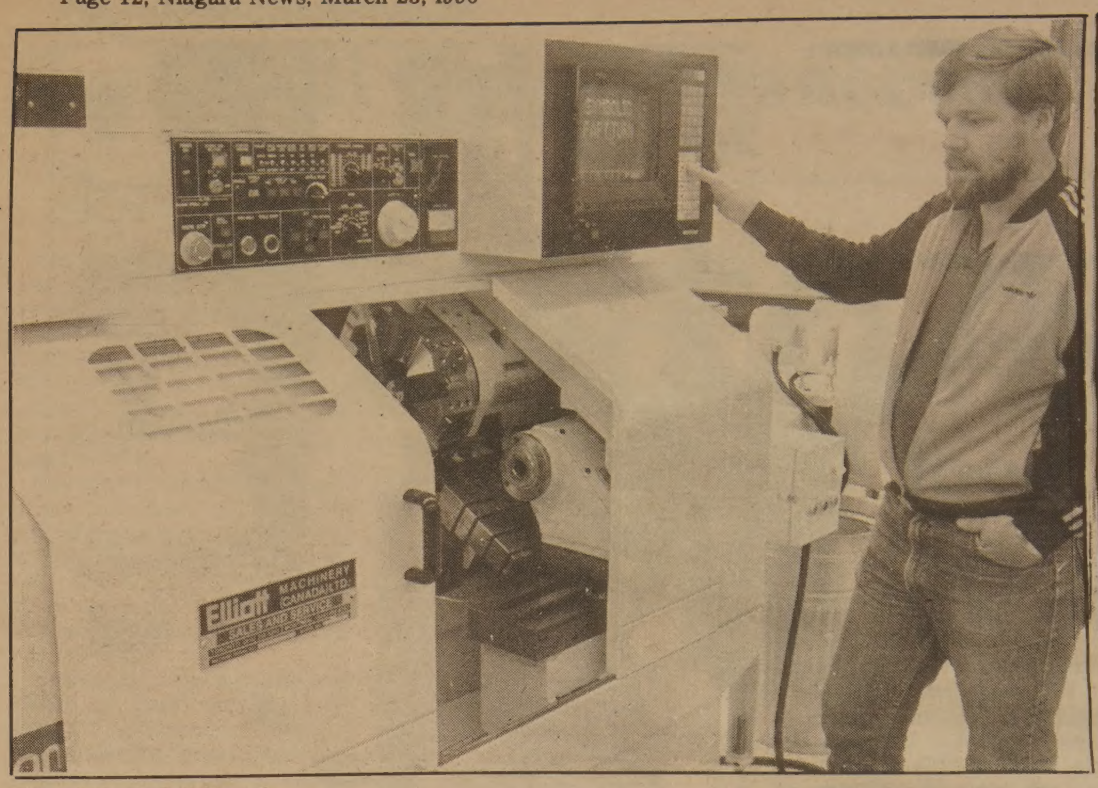

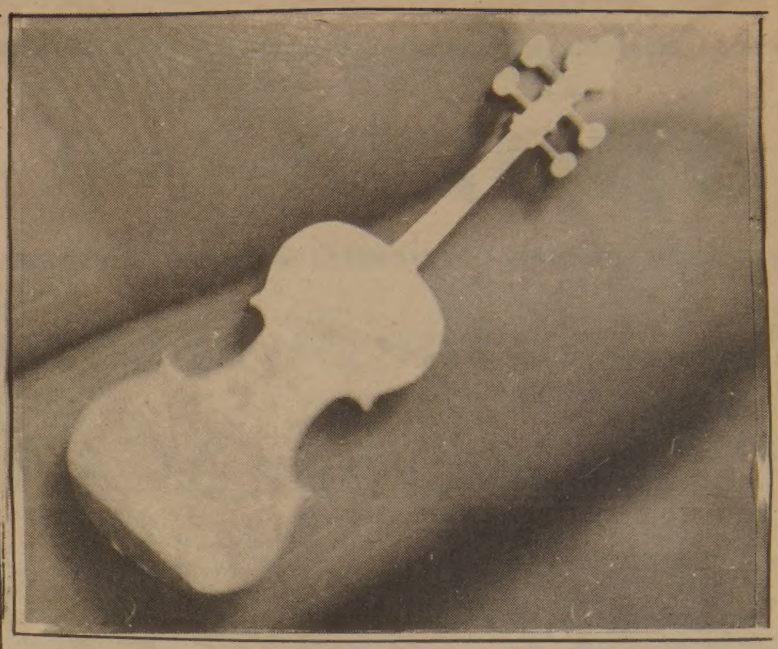

Dave Rice, a computer numeric control student, works on the new lathe at the St. Catharines campus. This violin, on an index finger, was cut by an electrical discharge machine in the CNC shop. The EDM is accurate to four millionth of an inch.

Photo by Tony Post

$100,000 lathe

New purchase after flood damage

The numerical control machining program at St. Catharines campus is slowly working its new equipment into the course. A $100,000 direct numerical control lathe was purchased last summer as well as five new computers, to replace ones damaged by flooding in July, and a new software package.

"Now it's a matter of getting them into the course," Arthur Gill, a teacher in the program, said. "It's difficult because our program doesn't stop. It's a continuous intake program that runs 52 weeks a year."

Many of today's industrial machines are controlled by computer numerical control. Instead of a person operating the machine mechanically, computers control the machine using numbers. Instructions are sent to the DNC lathe from terminals in another room. The lathe is used to machine tools and parts and can be programmed to repeat the same pattern any number of times.

Knowledge of the CNC system gives students an edge in the industry. "Any of the shops now pretty well have to have CNC equipment," Mr. Gill said. "Industry is aware of the quality of CNC products. Often they won't even let you bid for a job unless you have a qualified CNC shop."

"We have a good rapport with industry," he said. "Employers will call the school, or we will send students out to placement jobs."

The program also has a wire cut electrical discharge machine. The EDM uses a very fine wire to cut anything that conducts electricity. But the wire never touches the part being cut. Instead it sends out electrical pulses that do the cutting. The EDM can also be programmed to repeat a pattern and is accurate to four millionth of an inch.

The equipment is shared with the apprenticeship program which uses it to make punches and dies.

The program is working with a new software package as well. Mr. Gill has just returned from Florida where he learned how to run Expedite 3D. The package uses 3D representations of machined parts from which information is obtained to get the machine to make the part.

The course is a 40-week Canada Employment Centre program for which students receive a diploma.

Laugh awhile

Two well-known Canadian comedians, Greg Morton and Norm MacDonald, will provide Niagara students with a night of laughter on March 28, at Yuk Yuk's stand-up comedy night at Gilligan's.

The show will start at 9 p.m. Tickets cost $3 in advance and $4 at the door.

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